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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also enclosed.

For the concise statement of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstracts and, in the case of JPA 11-313216, to its cited U.S. counterpart, U.S. Patent 6,549,654.

The cited documents were each first cited in any foreign counterpart of this application in an Office Action (copy attached) that issued on March 24, 2008, in the Japanese counterpart of this application, or else are cited as English-language counterparts of such documents. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nonetheless, any fee deemed to be due should be charged, and any overpayment credited, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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